

## **NAN MADOL**

**East side of Temwen Island, Pohnpei Freely Associated State**

Nan Madol, known as the Venice of the Pacific, is a complex of man-made basalt islands built atop an atoll on Pohnpei's eastern coast. The name roughly translates as "between the intervals" and refers to the network of islands and canals that were the means of travel and communication for the occupants of the 200-acre site. The district's core was the seat of Pohnpei's ruling Sau Deleur dynasty in prehistoric times. Archeological investigations have helped in understanding and interpreting the development of the island's "chief" hierarchy, one of the most complex in the Pacific islands.